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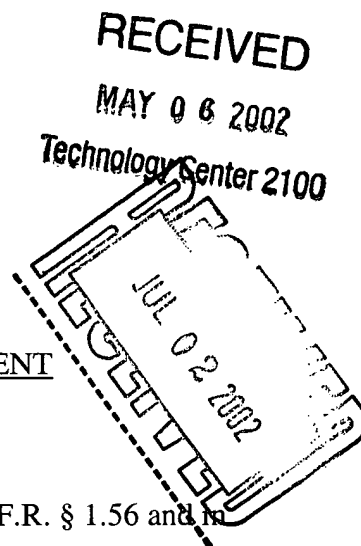
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of each of the listed documents are also enclosed.

U.S. Patent Nos. 5,841,437 and 5,913,038, listed in the enclosed Form PTO-1449, are cited in the specification at page 1 and are relevant for the reasons noted therein. GB 2 247 597A is cited in the specification at page 2 and is relevant for the reasons noted therein.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

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09/986,813	November 13, 2001	2182	Pending

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the cited U.S. application is enclosed.

FORMAL MATTERS

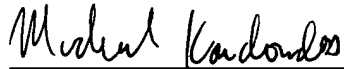
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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